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1. POST IS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT THE TOUR FOR THE NCOIC BEIRUT BE ESTABLISHED AT SIX MONTHS AS IN THE CASE OF THE WATCHSTANDERS. MISSION STAFF AS WELL AS MARINES REMAIN CONFINED TO THE CHANCERY AND ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO BE SO CONFINED FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

2. IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT SHORTAGE OF SINGLE STAFF NCO'S, RSO BELIEVES, AND POST CONCURS, THAT NCOIC SLOT COULD BE FILLED BY A CAREFULLY SELECTED SENIOR SERGEANT (E-5). AS LONG AS THE T/O REMAINS AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD CONTINUES TO BE LIGHT, POST BELIEVES THAT SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL COULD HANDLE THE JOB. MOST IMPORTANT QUALIFICATIONS ARE MATURITY, FLEXIBILITY AND THE ABILITY TO ADAPT TO UNUSUAL SITUATION.

3. STAFF SERGEANT WAINWRIGHT, WHO ARRIVED AT POST IN APRIL 1976, WILL COMPLETE HIS SIX MONTHS IN OCTOBER
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1976. SSGT WAINWRIGHT HAS DISCUSSED WITH THE RSO THE

POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING HIS TOUR TO ONE YEAR. POST IS
CONSIDERING THIS POSSIBILITY IN LIGHT OF CURRENT SITUATION
IN LEBANON AND WILL FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATION BY SEP 20,
I.E., ONE MONTH BEFORE SSGT WAINWRIGHT'S SIX-MONTH TOUR IS
COMPLETED.

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